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WE alluded in our last issue to certain changes in progress regarding the management of this journal. As soon as arrangements are completed, due notice of them will be given. In the meantime, and until further intimation, the paper will continue to be issued as heretofore.

In this number we have given, and we propose hereafter to give, more than usual attention and space to the work of the Christian Churches and their missions. We believe that in doing so we are consulting the interests and the wishes of all our readers who love the Lord Jesus, and habitually pray for the coming of his kingdom. The cause of Missions is dear to every true and faithful follower of Christ. By the marvellous progress and success thereof in these days, the Lord is giving striking manifestations of the glory of his faithfulness and of the power of His word in all lands and among all peoples. The receipt of reliable intelligence from the mission field must be esteemed a privilege, and the responsibility it imposes is great and serious. It shall be our aim by the communication of the first to awaken and diffuse a sense of the second. We refer to what we have gleaned and placed before our readers in this number for an idea of the plan we propose to follow. We shall draw upon all accessible and trustworthy sources for information, and shall endeavour to make our selections as varied and interesting as possible. It may be stated once for all, that our record under this head will consist chiefly of extracts. This month we are particularly indebted to those excellent magazines, *Evangelical Christendom*, and *The Work of the Christian Church*. These and other periodicals we shall continue to press into our service, and after this intimation shall not consider it necessary to acknowledge our indebtedness.

THE meeting of Synod takes place this year in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, beginning on the first Wednesday of June, at eleven o'clock.

The Committee for preparation of business, consisting of the Moderator, the Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Rev. Messrs. Mair and Patterson; and the Representative Elders from St. Andrew's and St. Paul's,—Montreal, Brockville, and Quebec, is appointed to meet in the same place, the evening before, at seven o'clock. A standing order requires all papers intended to be submitted to the Synod to be laid before the aforesaid meeting of the Business Committee, and accurate intimations of their contents to be forwarded to the Synod Clerk at least four clear days before the meeting of Synod.

All who bear the responsibilities of being members of this Supreme Court of the Church ought, if possible, to fulfil the important duty of attending its meetings. The moral influence of a good meeting of Synod is very great. The presence of members is a token of interest in the Church's affairs and a matter of encouragement to the Church's friends. It is useful as securing a general representation of the views entertained throughout the country on particular questions. It gives spirit to the proceedings, and adds weight to the deliverances. We hope that from considerations of utility, as well as motives of duty, there will be a large gathering this year. The meeting of Synod in Montreal has generally been well attended; and we know of nothing to warrant the fear of anything else on the present occasion. Arrangements are in progress for the accommodation of as many as have intimated their intention to be present.

We hope to see many more of our brethren in the Eldership than usually appear. It sometimes happens that representatives, who have fully purposed to at-